

Appn. No. 09/857,234  
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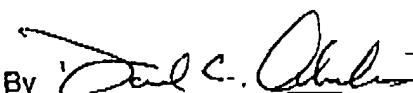
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the telephone interview with the Examiner on August 27, 2004, Claim 42 has been amended to correct the multiple dependency and Claim 47 has been added to preserve the dependencies previously called for in Claim 42. No substantive changes have been made to the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, this application should now be in condition to issue since the Examiner had stated that the claims were otherwise allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case and appreciates the Examiner's assistance with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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